

I have been told that Sinclair Broadcasting plans to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Unless balanced by broadcast of a comparable pro-Kerry documentary in the same timeframe, I believe this action would constitute illegal electioneering and would be a direct violation of the public trust given to Sinclair by their broadcast licenses.

Sinclair's actions are made more serious by the fact that they are now the largest owner of television stations in the country, thanks to recent weakening of ownership rules. I believe this situation clearly shows the dangers of allowing such large-scale media consolidation.

I urge you to scrutinize Sinclair's plans and notify them that their actions will have a negative impact on their future requests for license renewals.